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TNA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jerry Williams

As I am sitting here writing this letter, thought of the ANA Convention that seems almost like a dream now, is really just history. The 108th national convention in Chicago, IL, was a great success. If you have not made an ANA convention before, I would like to encourage you to do so, as you will see rarities there that you see no other place than the Smithsonian or the ANA museum. I would like to try and tell about the things you see and do at these conventions and what you miss out on by not attending. It was great to enjoy such pleasant weather also as it had been in the 100+ range before we left Beaumont with a humidity of >90%. Chicago weather runs in the high 70s and the lows in the 50s which made it tough to go home to.

In the four days that we spent at the convention, we saw all types of numismatic materials, attended educational programs, auctions and received collectible gifts from mints all over the world. There were 200 cases of exhibits, both competitive and non-competitive of many different types of numismatic material. All were well done and were very interesting to learn from and study. "*Numismatics—How Sweet It Is,*" won the People's Choice award and was placed by Al Bobrofsky of Milwaukee. It was thirteen cases of select chocolate coins and a custom Hershey's choice bar. Everyone wanted to taste it, as it looked good enough to eat.

At the convention, you could buy supplies, books, coins, paper money and jewelry of all descriptions. If you are collecting the rarities or hard to find items that is the place to go to get them. I had been looking for a hard to find coin for the last two years and was able to locate a high grade one there.

You get to know the people who attend these conventions from year to year and they become your friends. You look forward to seeing them and learning what they are doing in their local and state clubs. We also took several field trips around Chicago while we were there. We took a bus tour of the city and saw lots of Chicago's famous cows that are beautifying the city until mid-October. We went to the top of the Sears Tower, the Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago Board Option Exchange and the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank. Also, we went to the Navy pier and took a boat ride through the city. We saw Chicago every way you can, by air, water, rail and bus. The attendance at the convention was about 9,000 and the bourse room was about two football fields long and one wide. It took me three and a half days to cover all the dealers and look at their material. There was an auction by Heritage that brought 8.9 million dollars, even with some lots going for 50% of trend prices.

On Saturday evening, ANA has the annual banquet, which started with a reception at 7:00 PM. The banquet itself was a two-hour affair with about 400 people in attendance. The program was moved along swiftly by master of ceremonies Wendell Wolka. There were many awards presented and the new officers were installed. The dinner was excellent and almost enough to fill me up with the help of Barbara's leftovers.

On Sunday morning, it was time to pack up and move on, but we took time for one last look and to pick up a few more bargains. Barbara and I had received an

invitation from Krause Publications to go to Wisconsin for a "*Day in the Country*" open house. We boarded buses at the Hyatt to transport about 100 other attendees and us. Four Texans were on the trip, Ralph Ross, Bernard Loebe, Barbara Edwards and myself. The bus took us to Schiller Park for a Silver Rail Numismatic Excursion—traveling on a four coach private train. We departed at 2:00PM for Waupaca, which is about thirteen miles from Iowa. The train ride lasted some six and one-half hours through the rural countryside and communities of northeastern Illinois, southeastern and east central Wisconsin and pulling along the shores of Lake Winnebago for a few miles. Some of the other guests included ANA President Bob Campbell, ANA board members Carmody-Lebo, Hallenbeck, Herbert, Lewis and Wilson. Also from overseas, was Raimo Makkonen, director of the Finnish Mint in Helsinki, Alan Wallace, director of collector coins programs at the British Royal Mint and Flemming Lyng Hansen from Denmark. On the train, Barbara and I had a nice visit with Mr. Makkonen and he gave Barbara a 1999 Proof set.

On Monday morning, we were picked up by bus and taken to the Krause Publication plant where we were taken on a tour and visited with employees in different departments. They now employ about 650 people and are growing. I was most impressed with how happy the staff was with their positions. It was like on big happy family. At noon, we were treated to a picnic on the grounds followed by an afternoon of activities of our choice. Barbara and I chose to explore Chet Krause's vehicle collection with Chet doing the tour himself. He has cars, World War II military vehicles and antique farm tractors.

Late in the afternoon, everyone went to the Thorson House, the guesthouse where we were treated to a dinner of carved beef and chicken served under a tent on the lawn. At dinner, the Jolly Dutchmen Polka Band entertained us. The buses picked us up at 8PM to return to Waupaca for a good night's rest before our return home the next day. Krause employees picked us up about 10:30AM and drove us to Appleton for our flight home. I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to Chet Krause, Cliff Mishler and the staff of Krause Publications for your hospitality. Barbara and I will always remember our day in the country with our Wisconsin friends. We'll be looking forward to seeing some of you at next year's ANA convention.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell each of you that you need to plan your vacations or your trips around the ANA convention next year. I wish I could tell you how much fun and pleasure these conventions are. The 2000 convention will be in Philadelphia, PA from August 9-13. We hope to see you there.

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A Few Words from the Editor by Benny Bolin

Well, the first edition is history. I learned a lot from it and hope you enjoyed the new columns, etc. I found many errors and apologize if these negatively impacted any of you. One of the main things I have found is that spell check does not mean grammar check. So, sometimes, I actually get what I type and not what I mean. Hopefully this will get better. I thank you all for the kind words and support after the first try. I hope each newsletter will get better and better. Please keep sending me ideas on how it can be improved.

One of the problems with having a paper money collector doing the newsletter for a primarily coin collecting group is that I forget some of the most important things. If you were doing the newsletter and wanted to add more coin columns, what would you add? How about a column about the new state quarters? Not me—nary a mention of them! Oh well, that is now corrected! Each month, we will have a column on the quarters. My plan is to recap 1999 in this issue and then in each Dec/Jan issue give an overview of the coming year and recap the past year. Then if all proceeds along according to the mints schedule, each issue throughout the year will profile a new issue. Let me know what you think of this idea.

Speaking of the new quarters, coin collecting has really taken off! The interest generated by the quarter program is phenomenal and much better for the hobby than the hype generated by Paul Harvey about the 1943 copper cent! This year, we saw the record for the most expensive coin reach three very important plateaus—all in a matter of minutes (see accompanying article). Our hobby is really enjoying good times right now!

I still need your help though—I need submissions to make this a hobby wide newsletter. This month, no one submitted a synopsis about large cents, so I did one myself. Coins from a paper perspective—fairly unique—I do collect paper coins—fractional currency, guess that qualifies. Norma Mather has already submitted synopses for two cent pieces and three cent nickels. Thanks Norma. Be thinking about what you could submit to contribute for the newsletter. As I have often said, many of the club presentations are good article material. Submit them and I will help make them into articles. If you want, just submit facts and I will transform them into articles. Also, we need more submission from the clubs. If your club does not have a newsletter you can submit to me or does not have formal minutes, just jot the facts of the meeting down and send them to me and I will include them in our district reports. If you submit for the first time, please put your district number on the page as I am just learning these myself. Bottom line is, I NEED YOUR HELP!!! If that is not pathetic enough of a whine to get you to submit, just to shut me up, think about the awards. TNA gives great plaques for the best article and best club newsletter. The bad news is that only those submitted will be entered.

At the semi-annual board meeting in September in Beaumont, there were a few decisions made regarding the newsletter and webpage. Some of you have asked about getting back to a regular Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, etc., schedule. In order to do that, we would have to publish a one-month newsletter at a cost to TNA of about \$1500 or do a three-month newsletter, which in my opinion is totally unacceptable. So, unless the opportunity or need to do this arises, the schedule will stay as is. Also, we talked about the web site. I was named web caretaker—head spider—or whatever. I have looked at all the major websites I can find on the Internet and we have one of the best out there. If you have suggestions on how to improve the site, let me know. It is at www.tna.org. Our webmaster has been getting requests directly to him about putting stuff on the site. Please route those requests through me. Most, if not all will be accommodated, but Rigo needs direction on when to update and with what. Also, updates to the webpage cost us money, so we need to exercise our fiduciary responsibility and use your money wisely. Finally, we decided to offer advertising on the webpage. If you want to advertise your site, we have an introductory offer of \$100/yr. If you are interested, let me know. Also, if you are not interested due to cost or some other reason, let me know so I can take it to the officers meeting in May and we can discuss it.

One of my main goals is to get this newsletter to our members by the first month of the second month the issue covers. I think this was done with the last newsletter. In order to keep this schedule, the following submission schedule is fairly inflexible;

December/January issue	December 3, 1999
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August/September issue	August 7, 2000.

Please feel free to contact me by mail, phone or E-mail for any input and/or questions. I also welcome respectful, constructive criticism. This is your newsletter and I want to make it the quality you desire.

**AGAIN, A BIG THANK YOU TO THE BEAUMONT/SILSBEE
COIN CLUB FOR HOSING THE SEMI-ANNUAL BOARD
MEETING AT THEIR SEPTEMBER SHOW!!! IT WAS A
GREAT SHOW AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!**

NEW TNA SECRETARY

RAY WHYBORN

President Jerry Williams appointed Raymond E. Whyborn of Seymour secretary of the TNA at the recent TNA board meeting in Beaumont. Ray is currently in his seventh term as Governor of District 13. He served as Governor of District 7 from 1969 to 1972 when he resided in San Antonio. Following his retirement and relocation to the Wichita Falls area, he became the Governor of District 13 in 1985 and served until 1989. He became President of TNA in 1989 and served the maximum four consecutive years allowed under the Constitution. In 1993 he again became Governor of District 13 and served continuously until he was appointed Secretary on September 18th.

Ray was the founder of the Seymour Coin Club, is Life Member No. 1 of the Alamo Coin Club, Secretary of the Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Club, Treasurer of the TEXOMA Stamp Club, Director of the Texas Philatelic Association, Inc., and an active member of the Greenbelt Coin Club of Vernon and the South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock.

Ray is a member of the TNA's prestigious Hall of Fame and has received the Lewis M. Reagan Award, Outstanding Governor Award, the TNA VIP Award and the Stanford (Mac) Kennady Award. He has been an active member of TNA for more than 31 years. In addition to belonging to a number of state and national numismatic and philatelic organizations, he is an author, editor, cataloger, researcher, speaker and collector.

NEW DISTRICT XIII GOVERNOR

MARY JANE WHYBORN

When Ray Whyborn was appointed TNA Secretary, his wife Mary Jane Whyborn was appointed to take his place as Governor of District XIII. Mrs. Whyborn, of Seymour, is currently Secretary of the TEXOMA Stamp Club and a member of the Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Club, the Greenbelt Coin Club of Vernon and the South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock. She was secretary of the Upland Coin Club in California and, following their move to San Antonio, secretary of the Alamo Coin Club during the years Ray was president. She is also Life Member No. 2 of the Alamo Coin Club and has served as secretary of the Seymour Coin Club. Mary Jane has been a member of TNA for 30 years. She served as Youth Chairman in 1969-70 and was Historian in 1989-92. She has also been a speaker and an exhibitor.

She became interested in numismatics in the early 60's, along with her husband, in California and became a serious collector of Olympic coins and Austrian commemoratives (especially those depicting classical composers) beginning with the 1964 Austrian 50 Shilling depicting an Olympic ski jumper.

NUMISMATICS on the "WEB"

Many sites of interest to readers of the TNA News are available on the Internet. I will publish a list of interesting sites in each issue. If you have a favorite site, please let me know the address. All sites will be added at the sole discretion of the editor. For now, I want to keep this as "*informational only*," so I will politely decline dealer sites for now (these can now be listed on our webpage—see the inside front cover).

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FAMOUS TEXAS NUMISMATISTS

HARRY WESLEY BASS, JR

1927-1998

Harry Wesley Bass, Jr., was born on January 6, 1927 in Oklahoma City, OK to Wilma Schuessler and Harry Wesley Bass. He was raised in Dallas and graduated from St. Mark's Academy. He attended college at the University of Texas and at Southern Methodist University. After serving in the navy in WWII, he was a prominent player in the oil exploration business and was president of H.W. Bass and Sons, Inc. He served as Dallas County chairman for the Republican Party in 1957 and later as the Dallas representative to the State Party. From 1978 to 1984, he served as president of the American Numismatic Society and as a society councilor before and after his presidency. Mr. Bass became interested in coins as an adult, purchasing his first coin, an 1803 Capped Bust Eagle in 1966. His primary interests in collecting were gold coins and numismatic literature. He enjoyed 19th-century gold coins, which at the time he started collecting them; double eagles could be purchased for less than \$100. Mr. Bass felt that rarity was simply what a coin had most recently been sold for or was a guesstimate of its price by the cataloger. He would research potential buys in his extensive library to see how many had been sold and to find a coins true rarity. Many of the coins in Bass's vast collection were obtained from Dallas dealer Mike Brownlee. At the time of his death, the Bass Collection and the holdings of the Harry W. Bass, Jr., Research foundation included the most extensive collection of United States gold coins ever assembled, including many of the finest known ultra-rare and unique pieces such as the 1870-S \$3 gold coin. Mr. Bass also liked to collect pattern coins. His favorite patterns were the 1877 half-dollar patterns. The Harry W. Bass, Jr., Research foundation was set up to advance research and scholarship in certain areas of United States coinage including literature, patterns and gold coinage. Over 500,000 records are available and searchable on-line at <http://search.hbrf.org/resmenu.htm>. Mailing address for the foundation is 8333 Douglas Ave, Ste. 1400, Dallas, Texas 75225.

If you have a favorite Texas Numismatist you would like to profile, send it to me and I will publish it.

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Coming next month—Flying Eagle Cents.

THE NEW STATE QUARTERS 1999 IN REVIEW

1999 was the first year of the new U.S. Mint 50-state quarter program. This is a program that honors the individual 50 states through a new series of circulating quarters being issued five per year for the next ten years. President Clinton signed the 50-states Commemorative Coin Program Act authorizing this program into law on December 1, 1997. States are honored in the order they each ratified the Constitution and joined the Union. Each state will make suggestions on how the reverse of their quarter will be designed. To accommodate their designs, the words "United States of America," "Quarter Dollar," "In God We Trust" and "Liberty" have been moved to the obverse. Also, the portrait of Washington has been changed and strengthened slightly. Each state governor will submit designs for the reverses of their individual states quarter to the Mint Director for review for coinability and then the governor will make the final selection.

By the time you get this newsletter, all the 1999 quarters should be in circulation. The first five states are Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia and Connecticut. Year 2000 states are Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire and Virginia. A review of the 1999 designs follows:

DELAWARE-(The First State)—The Delaware quarter features a design of Caesar Rodney on horseback. The design depicts Rodney, one of Delaware's delegates to the American Continental Congress making his historic ride to break the tie among Delaware's delegates in favor of the Declaration of Independence on July 1-2, 1776. He rode 80 miles on horseback in the summer heat and through thunderstorms and reached Independence Hall on the afternoon of July 2. William Cousins designed the quarter.



PENNSYLVANIA-(The Keystone State)—The Pennsylvania quarter shows an allegorical female figure representing "Commonwealth," the statue on the dome of the state capitol with the state motto "LIBERTY, INDEPENDENCE, VIRTUE." She holds in her left hand, a ribbon mace that symbolizes justice. A State outline and keystone complete the design. The figure on the quarter is the same as the statue that is on the Pennsylvania capitol dome. It was chosen to educate people about the founding principles of Pennsylvania. John Mercanti designed the quarter.



NEW JERSEY-(The Garden State)—The New Jersey quarter has a depiction of the painting of Washington crossing the Delaware by Emmanuel Leutze with “Crossroads of the Revolution” underneath the design. Alfred Maletsky designed it.



GEORGIA-(The Empire State of the South)—The Georgia quarter features a peach, which has long been associated with the state, within an outline silhouette of the state. Five live oak sprigs, symbolic of the state tree border this design. On top of the design is a banner with the state motto “Wisdom, Justice, Moderation.” The Georgia quarter was designed by T. James Ferrell.



CONNECTICUT-(The Constitution State)—The Connecticut quarter, due to be released in early to mid October, bears the famed Charter Oak with the words “The Charter Oak” and a stone wall beside the trunk. The tree is famous as on Halloween night, 1687, King James II’s envoy, Sir Edmund Andros was challenging Connecticut’s charter and was demanding its surrender. During this confrontation, all light was extinguished in the room and when it returned, the charter was gone. Captain Joseph Wadsworth had taken it for safekeeping and had hidden it in the majestic white oak on the property of the Wyllys family. When the oak was struck by lightning and killed on August 21, 1856, it was estimated to be over 1,000 years old. The Connecticut quarter was also designed by T. James Ferrell. All of the above facts were taken from the U.S. Mints website. Visit it for more information.



Whether you like the new quarters and/or the program or not, it has certainly had an amazing effect on the hobby. Many people who were not in the hobby have been drawn into it by the coins. Many ways exist to collect the quarters, from proof sets, to individually in albums. There are also many errors and varieties being found. Most experts believe that these will only have nominal value.



1804 DOLLAR SHATTERS RECORD PRICE

by: Benny Bolin

For those of us who have been involved in numismatics for a long time (35 years for me), it has been interesting to see the prices of coins creep up. I remember many milestones in this area, the first \$500,000 coin, the highest price ever---for an ancient dedadrachm (or tetradrachm, or something) and then the first million dollar coin. Finally, two years ago, the Stickney-Eliasberg 1804 silver dollar becomes the highest priced coin when it realizes \$1.8 million dollars. Historical progression would then take us to the \$2 million dollar level, then the \$3 million level, etc. The question was asked, "*how long would it take to break these marks?*" The answer was an unbelievable two minutes!!! Yes, on August 30, 1999, the Sultan of Muscat 1804 dollar was sold in the Bowers and Mcrena sale of the Childs collection. Opening at \$1,500,000 it quickly went up and in less than two minutes was hammered down at \$4.14 million dollars to dealer David Akers. Such an incredible chain of events left everyone breathless and will be talked about for literally years to come.

The 1804-dollar has been one of the most expensive coins over the past hundred years. This is a fascinating coin to me as it is the ultimate illustration of the law of supply and demand. If these are in correct alignment, prices will be broken. Usually, it requires a low supply and high demand for this to come to fruition. Many times I have heard "*I think you overpaid for that.*" To me, that is not possible. Anything is worth as much as the buyer is willing to pay for it. Another fascinating thing about 1804 dollars is that they are possibly spurious and are certainly not ultra-rare, with fifteen specimens known today. Of those, seven are in museums, making eight potentially available for the market. But, the 1804 dollar is the "KING OF COINS!!" There are three classes of 1804 dollars, appropriately named Class I, II and III. Class I specimens are considered originals and were struck between 1834 and 1838 for inclusion in diplomatic presentation sets. Eight Class I specimens are known. Class II is represented by a lone specimen. It is thought that this was struck at the Philadelphia Mint around 1859 on an 1857 Bern, Switzerland shooting taker. It is believed that five Class IIs were struck, with three being melted and/or turned into Class IIIs by adding edge lettering. Six Class IIIs are known.

Class I specimens:

1. U.S. Mint specimen—currently in the National Numismatic Collection
2. Stickney-Eliasberg specimen—sold 4/6/97 by Bowers and Merena and Stack's for the previous record \$1.815 million dollars. It is now in a private collection.
3. King of Siam specimen—This specimen and the entire King of Siam set is currently on display at the Mandalay Bay Resort & Museum in Las Vegas, Nevada.
4. The Sultan of Muscat specimen—sold in August 1999 for a record \$4.14 million dollars to David Akers for a private collector.
5. The Dexter specimen—counterstamped with a "D" on the reverse now resides in a private midwestern collection.
6. The Parmalee specimen—currently in the Byron Reed collection and on display at the Durham Western Heritage Museum in Omaha, Nebraska.
7. The Mickley specimen—was owned by Texas collector Reed Hawn for 20 years and is now in the collection of David Queller.
8. The Cohen specimen—owned by Willis duPont and was stolen in 1967. It was recovered in 1993 in Zurich, Switzerland and is currently in the ANA museum.

Class II specimen:

9. The lone known surviving specimen of Class II was in the Mint collection and is currently in the National Numismatic Collection.

Class III specimens:

10. The Linderman specimen—owned by Willis duPont was stolen in the same 1967 robbery but was recovered in the 1980s. After it's recovery, it was loaned to the ANA museum and now resides in the National Numismatic Collection.
11. The Idler specimen—was owned by the Bebees and was donated to the ANA museum where it currently resides.
12. The Berg specimen—was also part of the Garrett collection and was sold in 1980 for \$400,000 and resides today in a private New York collection.
13. The Adams specimen—has traded hands several times in the 1990s, three times in 1998! It was last sold to Laurie Sperber of Legend Numismatics, Inc., for \$800,000.
14. The Davis specimen—was sold privately to H.T. McConnell, Jr., who still owns the coin.
15. The Driefus-Rosenthal specimen—was a part of the Chase Manhattan Money Collection and is now in the collection of the American Numismatic Society.

The list is impressive, as are the prices the coin can bring. The question is—"Can the 1804 dollars continue their record breaking pace into the new millennium?"

San Antonio's Coin (Pt. II)

An article about the de la Garza Mint's Jola, from

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GOVERNORS PROCLAMATION AND PUBLIC NOTICE: Inasmuch as the citizen of this city don Jose Antonio de la Garza has requested that he be permitted to mint the quantity of 500 pesos in copper coin, and inasmuch as I am acquainted with the harm caused to the consumers by the lack of small change or cons, the reason for which they either stop buying what they need, have to pledge a (whole) peso, or have to spend all of it without needing to do so, I have permitted the above mentioned don Jose Antonio the manufacture and minting of the 500 pesos in jolas with the value of half a silver real each and marked with the initials of his name and surname. These coins shall circulate in the town for the purposes of its businesses, the circulation of the (coins) which circulated before, minted at the expense of don Manuel Barrera, ceasing as of today. In order that those who have some of the said jolas (belonging) to the indicated Barrera shall not lose them, they may present them to don Jose Antonio (de) la Garza, who is obliged to gather them within the period of 12 days and give an equal quantity of the newly minted ones (a fact) of which the public is notified. For this purpose, I command that it be proclaimed and affixed in the accustomed place for the information of everyone. (Presidio de) Bexar, 6th of December of 1818.

The de la Garza coins have on the face, the initials "J A G," the year "1818," the value "1/2," for one-half of a real and a lone star on the reverse. The coins were cut from copper sheets, thick enough so the impressions of the hand-struck dies would not show through. Of the two sizes, the larger was about the size of our American copper cent, and the other slightly smaller. The fractional figure of ½ was turned horizontally, one way on some and the opposite way on others. It has been reported by some historians that the five point star on the reverse side of the de la Garza coins of 1818 was the first use in Texas of the lone star, which later was to become the symbol of the Republic and of the State. The first Congress of the Republic of Texas, December 10, 1836, officially adopted the "lone star" symbol in the great seal and the flag of the Republic. "Jolas" was the name given to the copper coins minted in San Antonio during the years of 1817 and 1818 by two different persons and

authorized by two different Spanish governors of the Province of Texas. Both issues were limited to eight thousand coins of $\frac{1}{2}$ real each. The word "jola" could have been derived through trade and conversation with the native Indians who were fond of metal trinkets and readily accepted jewelry in trade for their products. Very possibly the word first came into being as an Indian rendering of the Spanish "joya" meaning gem, jewel, jewelry, etc. The record shows that the Barreras were silversmiths and made trinkets, which may have had something to do with the use of the word locally. So far as we can determine, the "jola" was not recognized by the Central Government as a unit of money with a fixed value, but was mentioned as "any coin used for small change." The name "jola" for coins was reported later to have been used in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of New Spain. In retail trade the unit of money most often used was the "real" or fractions of it. Besides the silver one-real, there was the two-real and four-real pieces. The silver real was a unit of the monetary systems of Spain, Spanish America and Mexico, eight of which were equal to the larger silver coin referred to as a "piece of eight." The piece of eight weighed a "peso" (consisting of 25-grams), therefore the coin was called a peso. Mexico formally adopted the name "peso" for its unit of money of the same value after it became a republic. Because of the universal acceptance of the Spanish silver real in retail transactions, the copper "jola" was given a guaranteed value of one-half of that of a silver coin. This coinage may have been the beginning of a general plan on the part of the government to encourage the use and acceptance of copper coins because so much of the silver production of the country was being shipped to Spain. It was just as possible that the governors and the community leaders here were trying to help the government in the introduction of a smaller unit of money by encouraging and training the people to accept copper coins with a guaranteed exchange value in silver as a reliable money by having a local issue sponsored by well-known persons. The Spanish peso, as well as the Mexican peso, was extensively used in trade and commerce of the New World. Mexican silver pesos were accepted in the United States as legal tender until 1857 and were a major part of the money in circulation in the Southwest, having been gradually replaced by the silver dollar. Because of the shortage of change and the need for it, mostly in the Caribbean Islands, quite often the piece-of-eight was cut, pie-shaped into 8ths, each bit having a value, more or less of 1 real (worth 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents). Because of the unequal or irregular cuts into eighths, some were called "short bits" (worth 10 cents) and others were called "long bits" (worth 15 cents). The viceroy earlier had authorized the minting of copper coins in Mexico City; however, not many of them had been released in this area. There were a few copper coins here called "granos" worth a fraction of the real, but not sufficient in amounts for the business of the merchants, the commissary, and in payment to the government for taxes and license fees. The people were reluctant to give up their small silver coins and accept change in copper coins or tokens given out by the merchants. Coins of copper were first made during 1814-1816 at Mexico City in values of $\frac{1}{8}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ -real to provide a coin of small change, worth less than the $\frac{1}{2}$ -real and to replace the use of tokens. Most people could not read and were reluctant to accept copper coins, which they probably thought were store tokens with which they

had already suffered losses or bad experiences. It has been reported in some areas that the Indians threw the copper coins and tokens into the rivers and lakes because they believed such coins would bring them bad luck. Because of the obligation of de la Garza to redeem the Barrera coins, his office evidently took on an aspect of banking. It has been reported that de la Garza established the first bank in Texas, and probably the first in what is now the Southwestern United States. His coins probably circulated until about 1822, when control of the government in Mexico City was taken over by Iturbide. The strife and war rumors may have prompted de la Garza to call in his coins for fear he might become involved, through rumors, with the leaders in the new regime. In order to dispose of the copper coins, so that he might not be called upon to redeem them again, he threw them into the San Antonio River. After the death of de la Garza, and a lapse of time, the private banking business was carried on by his son, Leonardo Garza as a savings bank and a Mexican money exchange in the old rock building which was the home of the family for many years. During the search for the facts and the material for the story, the writer found no one who had ever seen such an object, nor had they ever heard any one else say that any of the coins existed. The man who found this group of coins could get no help in identifying them until this writer contacted him through inquiries he made. Letters were sent during 1960 to well known money museums asking for information; however, none of them had any record of the San Antonio coinage. It was then determined that it was purely a local coinage intended to provide a larger supply of minor coins for retail trade. From the fact that some of the de la Garza coins were accidentally found in 1959 on the banks of the San Antonio River after some excavation work, it is assumed that the coins redeemed by Barrera and de la Garza were thrown into the rivers since that was the best method of disposing of them. The de la Garza family owned large tracts of land north and east of San Antonio, some of which was sold to Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels for his colony at New Braunfels. With all the open spaces available to him to discard his coins, so that neither he nor his descendents would ever have to redeem them again, he no doubt disposed of them in different place so that they could no be found. It is a fact that some of the coins did exist when Lewis E. Daniell compiled his two volumes of biographical sketches of Texans, which were published in 1890 and 1892. In those publications he gave an accurate illustration of the de la Garza coin with description as follows: "The engraving of the coin is here given. One side of the coins had the initials of Jose Antonio de la Garza and the reverse had stamped upon it the 'Lone Star,' just as it was and is used as an emblem of Texas nationality.

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Each Regular, Junior, Life and Chapter member receives the TNA News for no additional cost. Insofar as possible, this media will keep you informed about your association, and the individual and chapter members. It carries timely articles and features. Its pages are free to all members to express their views and to contribute articles for the advancement of numismatics. Those seeking information may ask for help through the pages of the TNA News. Those having items for sale or trade may advertise for a nominal sum. The TNA News is the voice of the TNA.

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CARL A. FLORES

SUBMITTED BY MARY JANE WHYBORN

Carl A. Flores, 84, of Vernon, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, September 28, 1999, following a lengthy illness. Flores was a long-time member of TNA and carried Membership Number 2300-R. He was the founder of the Greenbelt Coin Club of Vernon and was well known and admired throughout the numismatic community. He appraised and bought many collections from estates and gave freely of his expertise to anyone requesting it.

Flores helped many collectors by providing encouragement and guidance to ensure that they enjoyed the hobby to the fullest. He was a very strong supporter of the TNA and encouraged others to join whenever the opportunity arose. He was also supportive of TNA's "Coins for A's" program and asked the District Governor for updates on the program's progress at every club meeting. The club has maintained a fairly large amount of books, periodicals and videotapes for club members to use. Flores provided the majority of these items and he brought them to every meeting for the members to use, regardless of the weather.

Flores left a legacy that will remain for many years to come. He will be sorely missed by every member of the club and by all others who had the privilege of knowing him.

Edith, his wife of 63 years, a brother and two sisters survive Flores. Services were held in Vernon on September 29th.

MIRIAM GILMORE

SUBMITTED BY KARLA GALINDO

TNA charter member Miriam Gilmore passed away on October 10, 1999. Ms. Gilmore was born in Weslaco and had lived in San Antonio since 1980. Besides being a charter member of the TNA, Ms. Gilmore was editor of the TNA news for over twenty years. She was a Numismatic Ambassador and an original member of the United States Assay Commission.

***BOTH OF THESE MEMBERS WILL BE SORELY
MISSED AS ARE ALL MEMBERS OF OUR HOBBY
WHOM WE LOSE.***

CALENDAR of EVENTS 1999

Oct. 30-31 **Ft. Worth, TX** **75 Tables**
 Ft. Worth Coin Club—38th Annual coin show. Tarrant County Convention Center.
 Downtown Ft. Worth. Contact: Ken Huffman—817-335-5757.

Nov. 19-20 **Wichita Falls, TX**
 Wichita Falls—Red River Coin Club Annual Coin & Stamp Show. Multi-Purpose
 Events Center. 1000 Fifth St., Wichita Falls, Tx. Contact: Connolly O'Brien,
 1503 Beverly, Wichita Falls, Tx 76309. (940) 723-1792

Nov. 13 **San Antonio, TX** **30 Tables**
 Alamo Coin Show, Sponsored by the Alamo Coin Club
 Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd., at Loop 1604 NE
 Contact: Harold Eiserloh. PO Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201-8714.
 Ph: (210) 341-6587

Nov. 26, 27, 28 **Houston, TX**
 Coin Show, Sponsored by the Pasadena Coin Club. Radisson Hotel, 9100 Gulf
 Freeway, Houston, TX. Contact: Pasadena Coin Club, PO Box 58155,
 Houston, TX 77258

Dec. 18-19 **Arlington, TX** **35+Tables**
 Texas Coin Show "*Christmas Show*" LaQuinta Inn, 825 N. Watson Rd
 (1-30 & 360 at Six Flags exit). Contact: Ginger & David Pike. Box 261748,
 Plano TX 75026-1748. (972) 964-5520. Email—lrciplano@aol.com.

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Jan. 21, 22, 23 **Houston, TX** **150**
 The Money Show 2000, Sponsored by the Greater Houston Coin Club
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February 5-6 **Ft. Worth, TX** **65 Tables**
18th Annual Winter Coin & Stamp Show. Green Oaks Inn. 6901 West Freeway,
Ft. Worth, Texas Contact: Joe and Linda Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth, TX
76180. (817) 485-1777

February 12 **Pharr, TX** **50 Tables**
12th Annual Coin & Collectible Show, sponsored by the Hidalgo Coin Club of the
Rio Grande Valley. Pharr Civic Center, 1011 W. Kelly. Contact: Helen Snider,
Box 1582, McAllen, TX 78505. (956) 631-8301.

February 26 **San Antonio** **35 Tables**
San Antonio Coin and Collectible Show. Sponsored by the Gateway Coin Club, Inc.
Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Road, N.E. of San Antonio at IH35 and
Loop 1604. Contact Raymond Tate, Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212-0964.
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March 3-4 **Richardson, TX**
DFW Metro Richardson, Richardson Civic Center, 411 West Arapaho, Richardson.
Contact: Paul Garner, PO Box 154906, Waco, TX 76715-4906. Ph: (254) 799-4344
evenings 6-9pm please. pegarner@rocketmail.com

March 18-19 **Lubbock, TX** **100 Tables**
South Plains Coin Club, Coin and Sports Card Show. Lubbock Memorial Civic
Center, 1501 6th Street, Lubbock, TX. Contact: Sharron Rice (806) 792-0428

April 21 - 22 **Arlington, TX** **70 Tables**
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Grant, PO Box 171719, Arlington, TX 76003. Ph: (817) 496-2388,
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June 3-4 **Arlington, TX 35+Tables**
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June 23-24 **Richardson, TX**
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Aug. 18 - 20 **Richardson, TX 60 Tables**
13th Annual Plano Coin Show. Richardson Civic Center, Arapaho Rd, Richardson,
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August 26 **San Antonio, TX 55 Tables**
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Sept. 30-Oct. 1 **Arlington, TX 35+Tables**
Texas Coin Show. LaQuinta Inn, 825 N. Watson Rd (I-30 & 360 at Six Flags exit).
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Nov. 18 **San Antonio, TX 30 Tables**
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CALENDAR of EVENTS 2001

Aug. 17 - 18

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HAPPENINGS

DISTRICT III

Key City Coin club

The August meeting of the Key City Coin Club had 12 members and three guests present. Jim Sanders gave a program on Biblical Coins (*ed. Note—good potential TNA News article!!*). Bob Kirkley gave a report on various coin shows in Texas. The club show had to be changed from September 16-17 to October 11. Russell Souders was back after an illness and called the auction.

The Key City Coin Club meets the first Thursday at the Rose Park Senior Citizen Bldg. in Abilene.

--Robert Kirkley—President

DISTRICT IV

Williamson County Coin Club, (Club Minutes)

The July meeting of the Williamson County Coin Club had 10 members and one guest present. The club discussed the new quarters and the feeling they have different weights. A discussion was also held about the 1943 penny and the hype currently caused by Paul Harvey's story. The next item was the signing and discussion of the short snorter—a 5 dinar note from Croatia. The meeting concluded with a show and tell. Some of the items shown were a new album for the new state quarters, two Educational notes and one member showed all three varieties of 1937 Buffalo nickels, including the three-legged variety (*ed. Note—good potential TNA News article!!*).

The August meeting had 14 members and one guest present. The club short snorter, a Jason Islands note was passed around for signing and discussion. The club continued its discussion on the weight and variance thereof of the new quarters. President Gerry Kammer gave the program on Mexican Revolutionary notes of 1914 Coins (*ed. Note—good potential TNA News article!!*). After the program, the members all participated in a show and tell. Some of the items shown were an ancient Greek coin, 2-1995 proof eagles, an error nickel and a Max Mehl pamphlet.

--Jeffery Meyer

DISTRICT V

Collin County Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The July meeting had 26 members and one guest present. Member George Lacy donated many nice prizes for door prizes. One of the officers elected in June will not be able to serve. A replacement was named. Tim Reed presented a program on two error Susan B. Anthony dollars. An auction followed the program.

The Collin County Coin Club meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:30PM at Steak Kountry Restaurant in McKinney.

Dallas Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The August meeting of the Dallas Coin Club had 23 members and one guest present. A special meeting place for one meeting is being worked on. It was reported that member Frank Clark had been elected President of the Society of Paper Money Collectors at the International Paper Money Show in Memphis. Also, Gary Andrews was elected as second VP of the TNA. Mike Grant gave the program on a extraordinary coin display/museum he had seen on a recent trip to Las Vegas (*ed. Note—good potential TNA News article!!*). Door prizes were won by five members. An auction of twenty-five items that netted \$308 closed out the meeting.

The September meeting had 16 members and one guest present. Gary Hill gave a short update on the new quarter program and how the selection in Texas will be handled. A special meeting in October at the home of Dallas dealer Ed Hipps was announced. Ron Blaha presented the program on Libertas Americana medals and Benjamin Franklin (*ed. Note—good potential TNA News article!!*). Two members won door prizes before a nineteen lot auction ended the meeting.

The Dallas Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Dallas International Center (Preston Center) in Dallas, at 7:00pm.

--Lawrence Herrera, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Club Newsletter).

The August 2 meeting of the Bellaire Coin Club had 27 members in attendance. The club discussed the ANA elections and the recent club show. It was decided that show chairman, Louis Whitaker be made a life member of the club for his dedication and hard work at the show. The program was part II of Mythology and Ancient Coins by Seth Kravitz (*ed. Note—good potential TNA News article!!*). A successful auction close out the meeting.

The August 16 meeting had 34 people in attendance. President Bevill had exchanged members money for rolls of the new Georgia quarters. Charles Templeton presented the program on the Numismatic Press (*ed. Note—good potential TNA News article!!*). Jeff Todd called the auction that ended the meeting.

The Bellaire Coin Club meets the first and third Mondays of each month at the Bellaire Public Library, at 7:00pm.

--Michael Wolford, Club Editor

Greater Houston Coin Club, (Double Shift)

The July meeting had twenty four members and three guests present. The meeting began with a 62 lot auction called by Jerry Clemons. Jerry reported on the progress of the Money Show 2000 and announced that the BEP was planning to attend. Sebastain Frommhold told of his trip to the aforementioned Las Vegas coin display.

The Greater Houston Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at Saint Paul Presbyterian Church, at 7:30pm.

--Chris Johns, Secretary

DISTRICT VII

Alamo Coin Club, (Alamo Coin Clips)

The August 12 meeting of the Alamo Coin Club had twenty-eight members present. A discussion of the upcoming show and the need to sell more tables to break even was held. A round table show and tell was held and some of the items shown were a Canadian Cats set, new Pennsylvania quarters and two tokens. The meeting was adjourned after a large auction of 54 lots was held.

The August 26 meeting had twenty-three members present. A report on the successful show was given and thanks were given out to all who helped. The round table showed, among other items, a 1914 China Banknote printed by the American BankNote company, about 50 notgeld notes and an 1815 ½ penny token. Of the 46 lots offered in the auction, only 11 were sold—members stated they were “bought out” at the show.

The Alamo Coin Club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at the Maverick Cafe at 7:00pm in San Antonio.

Harold Eiserloh, Club Editor

Gateway Coin Club, (The Gatepost)

The July 1 meeting of the Gateway Coin Club had 22 members in attendance. Some choice uncirculated Mexican 1950 five-peso coins and a Canadian dollar dated 1777-1999 were some of the items shown at the round table. The meeting concluded with a lively auction conducted by bobby Rogers & Don Bailey.

The July 15 meeting had 23 members and one guest present. The round table saw Bowers & Merena auction catalogs, 1999 proof sets and an ancient Emperor Titus coin shown. The program was presented by Frank Galindo and was on “The Forgotten United States Currency” (*ed. Note—good potential TNA News article!!*). A fun-filled mini-auction closed out the meeting.

The August 5 meeting had 18 members present. The nomination committee was announced. Many numismatic items of interest were shown by members during the roundtable. Don Bailey called the auction that ended the meeting.

The August 19 meeting had 22 members present. The nominating committee presented it's slate of officers. The 37th Anniversary Banquet and officer

installation will be held on September 16. The program, "The Buffalo Soldiers" (*ed. Note—good potential TNA News article!!*) was presented by Marianne Hunter. Once again, Don Bailey closed the meeting with a successful mini-auction.

The Gateway Coin Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at Ryan's Family Steak House at 7:00pm in San Antonio.

—Frank Galindo, Club President

DISTRICT IX

South Plains Coin Club, (Coin Club News)

The September meeting of the South Plains Coin Club was held and had 17 members present. The club was reminded that officer nominations would be taken at the October 4th meeting. At that same meeting, the club will discuss their annual Christmas party and benefit auction. Greg Chronholm presented the program on the "Republic of Texas Currency" (*ed. Note—good potential TNA News article!!*). An auction called by Sharron Rice and Lynn & Marty Parker closed the meeting.

The South Plains Coin Club meets the first Monday of each month, at 7:30pm in Lubbock.—Lamonte Pitzer—TNA Governor, District 9.

DISTRICT VIII

Corpus Christi Coin Club—(meeting news from the club webpage)

Seven members were present at the July 20th meeting. Don Bryan gave a report on the ANA summer conference he attended. The club held an open conversation on the new quarters and buying and selling coins on the internet.

The August meeting had 8 members in attendance. The club discussed ways to increase attendance. The club again held a discussion on the new quarter program as well as proof strikes.

—David Burke (club webmaster and editor; TNA district VIII governor)

DISTRICT XIII

Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Club, (Club Newsletter)

The August club newsletter had information for club members on the meetings and the announcement of a surprise presentation by George Woodburn (*ed. Note—good potential TNA News article!!*)???. It also alerted members that the Greenbelt Coin Club of Vernon was up and running and encourage attendance. It also contained a discussion on the new quarters and 1999 proof sets.

The September club newsletter again shared information about future meeting with members and went into quite a depth on web pages of different world mints and other numismatically interesting sites.

The Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Club meets the fourth Thursday of the month at the Beverly Drive United Methodist Church.

DISTRICT XV

Beaumont Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The July meeting of the Beaumont Coin Club saw 11 members and one guest in attendance. After officer reports, a report on the upcoming club show was given. The program consisted of a member show and tell. Some of the items shown were Large Cents, Buffalo Nickels, a coin from a shipwreck and one of the first bimetallic Shekels from Israel.

The August meeting had 11 members present. After officer reports, Jack Provost reported on the upcoming club show. Judy Matherne reported on the plans for the club Christmas party/meeting. Everyone was reminded to be on the lookout for a new meeting place. A Lincoln cent quiz constituted the program (*ed. Note—good potential TNA News submission!!*). After a short refreshment break and awarding of four door prizes, the meeting concluded with a very nice auction.

The Beaumont Coin Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Friendship Baptist Church at 7:00pm in Beaumont.

Kay White, Secretary

DISTRICT XVII

Waco Coin Club, (WacoineWS)

The July meeting of the Waco Coin Club had 34 members and two guests present. The club was reminded that the August meeting would have a swap meet before and after the meeting. After a member show and tell, the meeting was adjourned.

The August meeting had 31 members and one new member in attendance. An update on the new quarters and difficulties by members to obtain "P" mint quarters was discussed. A member show and tell was held and enjoyed by all.

The Waco Coin Club meets at the Democratic Party Center, at 7:30pm the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Cindy Riedel, Editor

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